

SUBJECT NO. 99.

Seigniorage on firewood and small bamboos.

Messrs. Subba Rao, Mahomed Imam Sab *alias* Baba Sab and Mir Mahomed Sab, Tarikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Formerly, the raiyats were allowed to remove firewood and small bamboos (ಶಿಲಾ) for hedges on *Mafi* licenses obtained from patels. Now a fee of eight and four annas respectively on every cartload has to be paid and license obtained. Pray that the former practice be revived.

Reply of Government.—A report will be called for.

SUBJECT NO. 100.

License for removing timber.

Messrs. B. Kesavaiya, Chikmagalur taluk, and T. Narasinga Rao, North Mysore Native Planters' Association.

Summary of discussion.—Facilities may be afforded for the removal of timber from coffee estates and other *hiduvali* lands. If license be not granted within two months from date of application for removing timber from coffee estates and other *hiduvali* lands, an order may be issued authorizing the applicants to remove the timber without waiting for the license.

Reply of Government.—The period prescribed in Government Order dated 1st September 1913 will be reduced to two months.

AGRICULTURE.

(Nos. 101 to 120.)

SUBJECT NO. 101.

Training raiyats in agriculture.

Mr. Govindappa, Davangere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Intelligent raiyats may be encouraged to undergo practical training in the Government Hebbal Agricultural Farm, the charge being met from Government.

Reply of Government.—This is under consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 102.

Agricultural Inspectors.

(a) Messrs. Kodandaramasetti and Chennabasaviab, Tumkur taluk.
(b) Messrs. H. Krishna Rao and A. Guru Rao, Kadur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—(a) The appointment of at least one Agricultural Inspector for each district headquarters is necessary to supply foreign seed-grains, etc., and to demonstrate the method of their cultivation.

(b) An Agricultural Inspector may be appointed for each taluk to teach the agriculturists modern methods of agriculture.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 103.

Agricultural Inspectors for Hiriyur taluk.

Mr. Veeriah, Hiriyur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Two Agricultural Inspectors may be appointed for the Hiriyur taluk for the improvement of agriculture under the Marikanave channels.

An agricultural farm may also be opened to demonstrate improved methods of agriculture to the raiyats.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 104.

Appointment of an agricultural expert.

Mr. Gopal Rao, Rolar municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In the interests of agricultural improvements, an agricultural expert may be appointed for each district to work in conjunction with agricultural associations and to demonstrate the uses of improved implements and good manure, etc.

Reply of Government.—This is under consideration in connection with the scheme of reorganization of the Agricultural Department.

SUBJECT No. 105.
Agriculture in the malnad.
Mr. Nadig Bhistappa, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As agriculture is in a backward condition in the malnad, an officer of the Agricultural Department may be posted to each malnad taluk to give practical instruction to the raiyats in improved methods of agriculture.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 106.
Implement and seed depot.
Messrs. Krishnappa and Chennakesava Rao, Koppa taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A depot may be opened in the Koppa taluk cutcherry to enable the agriculturists to procure seeds, improved ploughs, etc., easily as some of the raiyats are taking to their use.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao supported the representation.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurthi Rao represented that Government depots should not compete with private depots of which there were two, one in Bangalore and one in Kolar.

Reply of Government.—It is not possible for various reasons to open a separate depot in the Koppa taluk cutcherry, as suggested. If the raiyats apply to the Amildar and make payment in advance, the Amildar will communicate with the Agricultural Department and obtain the necessary implements and seeds. When the Agricultural Department popularises the implements, etc., then private agencies may take up their introduction and sale.

SUBJECT No. 107.
Agricultural machinery.
(a) Messrs. H. Krishna Rao and A. Gurn Rao, Kadir District Board.
(b) Chikka Gurava Reddy and Veerappa Reddy, Bangalore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(a) To improve agriculture in the State, Government grant loans for the purchase of machinery at 5 per cent interest per annum. Till some experience is gained in the use of such machinery a concession may be shown in the rate of interest.

(b) No interest should be charged on loans advanced to raiyats for the purchase of agricultural machines or engines till they understand the uses of the same. Last year this prayer was promised to be considered.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao.—The payment of instalments should not be made to begin in 15 months. No work in which machinery is employed can begin to pay in that short period.

Mr. B. K. Garudachar.—The rate of interest should be reduced to 4½ per cent and the time for repayment should be extended.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Will be considered.